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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: TEHRAN 6647

1. APPRECIATE FORWARD MOVEMENT BY VAFA AND OTHERS REPORTED BY MEHRAN. KNOW EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE CONTINUING PRESSURE ON MEHRAN TO STUDY AND APPROVE VAFA'S DRAFT SO THAT WE CAN GIVE EXPEDITED REVIEW AND SETTLE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. ASSUME HE REALIZES THAT CONCLUSION OF INDIVIDUAL AGENCY TO AGENCY AGREEMENTS INCORPORATING CONSISTENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS IS DEPENDENT ON THIS GENERAL UNDERSTANDING, AS IS INITIATION OF ASSIGNMENTS OF TC PERSONNEL AND SUPPORT STAFFS.

2. IT NOW IS CLEAR THAT THERE WILL BE WIDE VARIATIONS AMONG GOI AGENCIES AS TO DATES OF INITIAL ENTRY ON DUTY IN IRAN OF TC PERSONNEL AND AS TO SCALE OF INITIAL USE OF TC PERSONNEL IN CURRENT GOI FISCAL YEAR. MANR UNDER SECRETARY TAMADON, FOR EXAMPLE, IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON ASKING

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USDA TO PROMPTLY RECRUIT UP TO 34 EXPERTS, FOUR TDY

ECONOMISTS AND 30 RESIDENT (1 YEAR TO 2 YEARS), FOR HIS UNITS OF MANR, WITH INDICATION OTHER UNITS HIS MINISTRY WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT REQUESTS. FAA ALSO BELIEVES EARLY AND FULL SCALE STARTUP STILL INTENDED BY ITS COUNTERPART DESPITE CURRENT GOI BUDGET REAPPRAISAL. OTHERS PRESUMABLY WILL START SLOWER AND ON SMALLER SCALE AND EXPAND AS NEXT YEAR'S GOI BUDGET MAY PERMIT. IN LIGHT OF THIS AND CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL INTEREST HERE IN VIGOROUS FORWARD MOVEMENT OF JC PROGRAM, SUGGEST EMBASSY NEGOTIATE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CAN BEGIN PIECEMEAL SO AS TO AVOID OBSTRUCTING STARTS BY THOSE AGENCIES READY TO GO.

3. ACCORDING USDA OFFICIAL, TAMADON SENT LETTER TO WEST PRIOR TO HIS VISIT BUT IT HAS NOT ARRIVED. THIS CASE SIMILAR TO THAT TEHRAN 6628. WE KNOW YOU DOING YOUR UTMOST TO CENTRALIZE COMMUNICATIONS, BUT PERHAPS YOU COULD AGAIN SUGGEST TO VAFA OR MEHRAN THAT IN INTEREST OF EFFICIENCY EMBASSY SHOULD BE MAIN CHANNEL TO U.S. DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.

4. SEPTEL TO BANGKOK IS TELLING ROGERS TO EXCLUDE TEHRAN FROM HIS TRAVEL PLANS, BUT ONCE FIRM PROGRAMS ARE LOCKED UP WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW WITH YOU AGAIN ASSIGNMENT OF USIRJC OFFICER TO EMBASSY. INGERSOLL

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